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SUBJECT: GERMAN REPORTER REQUESTS DEA CONTACTS IN N.Y.

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MR. WERNER SONNE, MEMBER OF BONN BUREAU OF WEST DEUTSCHE RUNDFUNK-COLOGNE RE HIS DESIRE TO REPORT ON DEA DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT. (WEST DEUTSCHE RUNDFUNK IS LARGEST BROADCASTING ORGANIZATION IN GERMANY.)

2. SONNE EXPLAINED THAT HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH OCTOBER 1 COVERING FRG ENTRY INTO UNITED NATIONS. HE REQUESTED EMBASSY PROVIDE HIM WITH DEA CONTACTS IN N.Y. SO THAT HE MIGHT DO STORY ON U.S. DRUG PROBLEM AND DEA ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES; SONNE STRESSED DESIRE TO OBSERVE "STREET LEVEL WORK".

3. SONNE IS A REPUTABLE PROFESSIONAL WHO HAS INTERVIEWED AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND RE US-FRG COOPERATION IN FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING (SEE EMBASSY BONN A-233 - NOTAL). EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL POSSIBLE COOPERATION BE EXTENDED TO HIM AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DEA OFFICER SONNE MIGHT CONTACT IN NEW YORK.

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4. SONNE WILL BE IN NEW YORK DURING VISIT OF PERMANENT
WORKING GROUP - NARCOTICS (SA-R). EMBASSY HAS CHECKED
WITH BUNDESKRIMINALAMT WIESBADEN (STRASS) RE POSSIBILITY
OF HAVING SONNE INTERVIEW SA-R MEMBERS DURING THE N.Y.
VISIT. STRASS WELCOMES SUCH AN INTERVIEW. DEA MIGHT
ALSO CONSIDER ALLOWING SONNE TO ACCOMPANY SA-R TEAM
DURING PART OF SA-R
NEW YORK PROGRAM.
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